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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Friday, the 9th September 1960.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Trustees of Mutts and temples

***117** *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the rules of procedure prescribed for calling for applications and filling up of vacancies of trustees of Mutts and temples by the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department and the Area Committees;

(*b*) whether such vacancies are notified and applications are invited before filling them;

(*c*) the number of cases in which the procedure prescribed has not been followed in the case of vacancies filled by the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department during 1958 and 1959 and the reasons therefor;

(*d*) the number of cases in 1958 and 1959 in which applications having been invited, the vacancies were filled up by the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, before the last date of receipt of applications; and

(*e*) whether any representations have been received by Government in respect of cases referred to in clauses (*c*) and (*d*) above and the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No rules have been framed under the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Act regulating the procedure to be followed in the matter of appointment of trustees of temples.

(*b*) *to* (*d*) Do not arise.

(*e*) No, Sir.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Some time ago, applications were called for in respect of the Parthasarathi Temple for appointment of trustees. But before the last date for receipt of applications, appointments were made and some people reported to me that they had reported the matter to the Government also. Have they received any specific complaints in this matter about the Parthasarathi Temple?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not have any such information.

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SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : About another temple also, I have received complaints. In the case of a Vaishnavite temple at Mayuram, a similar complaint was made to me. Have the Government any information?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is no such complaint on record.

Salvage Farm and Dry Cows, Limited, at Alamadi

* 118 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any assistance is being given by the Government to the Madras Co-operative Society for the Salvage Farm and Dry Cows, Limited, at Alamadi, Chingleput district, and if so, the nature of the assistance given;

(*b*) whether any complaints have been received about negligence in the care of cows entrusted to the said Society; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The entire cost of maintenance of the cows over and above the fees collected from the owners of cows is met by Government. The pay and allowances of the staff employed for the purpose are also met by the Government.

(*b*) & (*c*) Certain reports have appeared in the Press about the negligence in the care of cows entrusted to the Society and the matter is under examination of the Government after investigation of the allegations.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : In addition to the number of letters published in the Press making allegations against the way in which animals were treated in that institution, I have myself received a number of letters. It seems to be a matter of great public importance. Not an animal seems to come alive out of that institution after some time. May I request the Hon. Minister to pay personal attention to this?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not think there is such a state of affairs. Regarding the complaints ventilated through the Press, they are being investigated. If the hon. Member has got other particulars, he may kindly pass them on to me and I will look into the whole matter and see what can be done.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact that the veterinary hospital attached to the institution does not attend on the sick animals and that animals are being neglected especially at the time of calving?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no information with me. If the hon. Member would put a separate question, I shall look into it.